

Amend **CSSB 743** by adding the following appropriately numbered section:

SECTION \_\_\_\_\_. Subchapter D, Chapter 39, Utilities Code, is amended by adding Section 39.1519 to read as follows:

Sec. 39.1519. ERCOT ACCOUNTABILITY TASK FORCE. (a) The ERCOT accountability task force consists of:

(1) a former commissioner of the commission who resides in this state, or a current or former chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission who resides in this state, appointed by the governor, who serves as the presiding officer of the task force;

(2) the comptroller;

(3) a representative of the attorney general, if the attorney general chooses to designate a representative; and

(4) representatives of:

(A) the comptroller's office;

(B) the Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas;

(C) the commission;

(D) the office; and

(E) the office of the state auditor.

(b) The task force shall oversee the implementation of best management practices for the independent organization certified under Section 39.151 for ERCOT. The task force may contract with independent fraud investigators or other experts as the task force determines is appropriate. ERCOT shall pay the costs of task force contractors under this subsection.

(c) The task force shall present a report to the governor, the lieutenant governor, the speaker of the house of representatives, and the presiding officer of each legislative standing committee with jurisdiction over electric services not later than January 1, 2007.

(d) This section expires September 1, 2007.